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In re Application of:	)	Attorney Docket: 52493.000151
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Steven P. WISNER et al.	)	Examiner: Unassigned
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Application No.: 09/681,607	)	Group Art Unit: 2122
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Filing Date: May 7, 2001	)	Confirmation No.: 8602
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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING NETWORK SERVICES USING REDUNDANT RESOURCES		

**STATUS INQUIRY**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The above-identified patent application was filed in the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office ("PTO") on May 7, 2001. Applicants received a Notice of Publication of Application mailed November 7, 2002. However, to date, Applicants have not received a first Office Action.

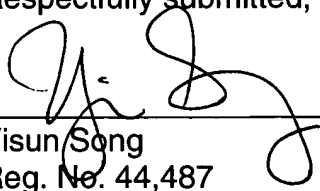
It appears that all formal requirements with regard to the application have been satisfied. Nonetheless, Applicants have not received any communication on the merits from the Patent Office. Applicants would appreciate an indication as to when the first communication on the merits from the Patent Office will be received. Applicants would also appreciate receiving a reply to this inquiry by telephone or facsimile as soon as possible.

If Applicants or their representative may be of any assistance to the Patent Office in connection with this matter, the undersigned counsel would welcome a telephone call or other communication from the Patent Office.

It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this filing. However, if it is determined otherwise, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

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